

REMARKS


Claims 27-35 remain pending in the present application. Claim 27 has been amended. Basis for the amendments can be found throughout the specification, drawings and claims as originally filed.

The undersigned attorney would like to thank Examiner Kalafut extended to him during the personal interview on July 15, 2003. At the interview, an agreement was reached.

At the interview, above claim 27 was presented. The Examiner conceded that the art he relied on, Ogami et al and Mita, fail to disclose or suggest a mechanism on the housing for coupling and decoupling the battery pack with the hand held tool. The Examiner indicated that above Claim 27 overcame the Examiner's §102(b) and §103 rejection. The Examiner had also rejected Claims 30, 34 and 35 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ogami et al. in view of Mita. As was discussed at the interview, both references fail to disclose or suggest Applicants' invention. Accordingly, Applicants believe Claims 30, 34 and 35 to be patentably distinct over the art cited by the Examiner.

In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that all pending claims are in a condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to pass the case to issue at his earliest possible convenience. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the present application, he should not hesitate to contact the under

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